

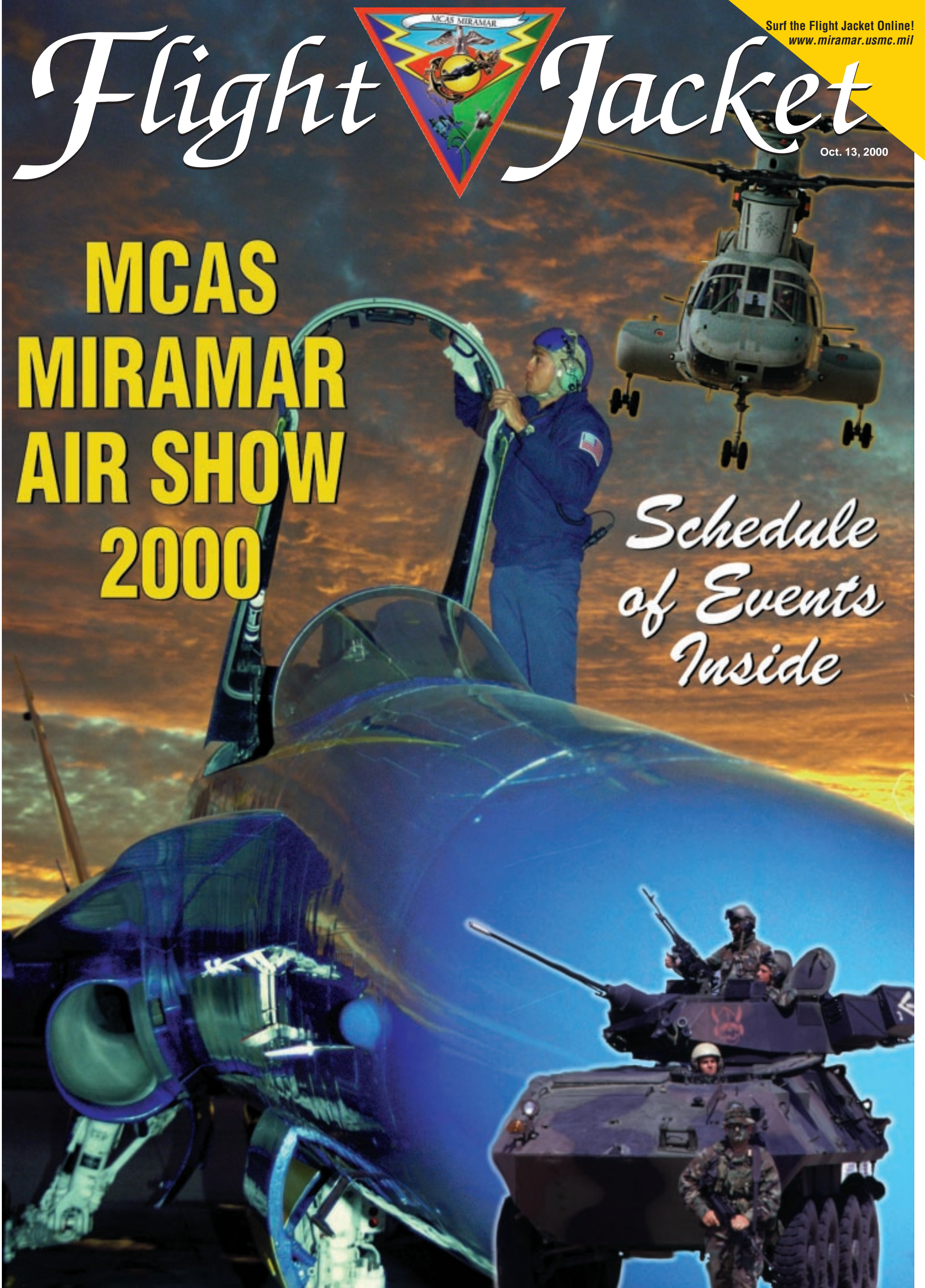
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Column



Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon

Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area

The 46th annual Air Show is upon us, the third here at Marine Corps Station

Miramar.

During this busy time, I want to take a moment to thank all involved in the extensive planning and execution of this monumental event. Truly, organizing and hosting the world's largest military air show requires detailed coordination between virtually every unit and organization aboard MCAS Miramar.

From Marine Corps Community Services, to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, to our superb military police, a finer example of teamwork would be difficult to find. It is impossible to name all of the units, organizations or individuals that contribute to this colossal event, however, please be aware that your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

This year's Air Show theme is, "Korea 1950-2000: Remembering Our Forgotten

Warriors."

This theme is very appropriate for the first Miramar Air Show of the new millennium, because we owe so much to brave men and women who sacrificed so much during that period.

Please encourage your families to attend the Military Appreciation Day show today. The events scheduled are captivating and include the world famous Blue Angels.

Also encourage friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the shows on Saturday and Sunday, since the Air Show is a way of demonstrating our appreciation for their support.

Again, I sincerely appreciate all who make the MCAS Miramar Air Show not only the largest military air show in the world, but also the best in the world. I look forward to every facet of this magnificent event. For more information on this year's Air Show, log on to www.miramarairshow.com.

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2000 Air Show kicks off today

By Cpl. Dave M. Winter

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Noise complaints can be expected this weekend as the 2000 Marine Corps Air Station Air Show hits the runway.

The show begins today at 9:00 a.m. and is reserved for military personnel. Public shows will follow Saturday and Sunday, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a Twilight show from 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The 46th annual Miramar Air Show will feature a Marine Air/Ground Task Force assault demonstration and the Navy's Blue Angels flying their blue and gold F/A-18 "Hornet's." There will be more than 100 military and civilian aircraft on display with many performing as well.

The Marine Air/Ground Task Force assault will include Hornets, helicopters, paratroopers and ground troops storming the flight line.

Military performers will include an F-14 "Tomcat," A-10

"Thunderbolt II," B-2 stealth bomber, F-117 "Nighthawk" stealth fighter, AV-8B "Harrier," the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army Parachute Team, and more.

Civilian performers will include Barnstormers Sky Show, P-51 Mustang and F-4 Corsair saluting veterans of the Korean War, the Red Baron Stearman Squadron, a Russian Mig-17F and more.

If the noise isn't enough, the light will be from the 2500-foot-tall Wall of Fire which will be ignited during the firework show.

The pyrotechnics is lead by Master Sgt. Brian Anderson who pulled together a team consisting of Marines from his explosive ordnance team, Navy explosive ordnance technicians, the Army's 710th Explosive Unit, local bomb squad personnel from San Diego County's Sheriff's department and the San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team. They will attempt to set a Guinness world record.

The Air Show is expected to attract more than a million people over the three days.



photo courtesy of MP

Navy-Marine Corps get 'wired' via intranet

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Sailors and Marines ashore and at sea will be able to exchange information instantaneously and securely thanks to a new integrated computer system that will be implemented worldwide during the next few years.

Senior DoD officials at an Oct. 6 Pentagon press conference said the \$6 billion Navy-Marine

Corps Intranet represents the largest Defense Department information technology contract ever. In the late afternoon that day, department officials announced Electronic Data Systems Corp. of Plano, Texas, would be the primary contractor.

"The Navy-Marine Corps Intranet will revolutionize the way we look at the process of sharing information," Deputy

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Correctional Custody Unit begins Day One

By Cpl. Scott Whittington

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The Correctional Custody Unit here began its first day of training as new arrivals stood on the yellow footprints Tuesday. It is commonly called CCU and its purpose is to save wayward Marines and Sailors. They are treated to the boot camp life style where privacy is gone and humility takes its place.

The CCU was returned after general officers from various bases in Western states attended a conference here last year. The unit was phased out during the latter half of the 1980s. A servicemember would get awarded CCU in lieu of a courts martial.

The CCU is the Marines’ or Sailors’ second chance,” said Master Sgt. Tab Gillespie, officer in charge of the CCU. “It gives them a chance to redeem themselves, get back on the right path, and prove their worth to their command.”

A “visit” to the unit can be ordered for up to seven days by a company grade officer and up to 30 days when ordered by a field grade officer. During every second the “awardees” are awake, they are subject to correction and critique by any one of the 18 staff members. The staff members were selected from the correctional occupational field and hand selected by Gillespie and Gunnery Sgt. Maurice A. Womble, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of the CCU.

The awardees will speak in third person and upon passing a staff member, will run in



photo by Cpl. Scott Whittington

The CCU staff greets new arrivals to the unit on the first day of training Tuesday at Area 52 on Camp Pendleton.

place until acknowledged and given permission to pass. “We will strip them down to nothing and rebuild them,” said Gillespie.

“They will quickly wake up and find out, ‘We’re not in Kansas anymore, Toto,’” said Col. Jim Walker, commanding officer of Security Battalion here, in an interview for the San Diego Union Tribune.

The awardees stay in one of three Quonset huts with opposing rows of beds.

The other nine huts contain the awardees’ bathroom, shower facility, classrooms, the staff lounge, sleeping quarters, receiving room and administration. The unit can support 40 male awardees at one time. Each awardee will have a bed, wall-locker and footlocker. They will have physical training daily. This will consist of exercise, runs, road marches, log drills, breaking rocks with sledgehammers and a weekly physical tra-

ining test.

Marines and Sailors stationed west of the Mississippi River and in Hawaii can be sent to the CCU here. Those wayward servicemembers east of the Mississippi are sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C. A CCU on Okinawa, Japan is scheduled to open soon.

“We hope the Marines and Sailors will

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Sergeant Major's Corner



By Sgt. Maj. Harris Chuck,

USMC (Ret.)

Editor's note: Sergeant Maj. Harris Chuck enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940, served in Guam, and was a prisoner of war for more than three years during WWII. He retired in 1970 and now lives in Vista, Calif. He wrote this article nearly 30 years ago and believes it will be "food for thought" for today's Marines.

Who are the professionals in the Marine Corps? They are the dedicated Marines who never punched a time clock; who put country and Corps first; whose loyalty, devotion, attitude, and spirit are unquestionable; who always look the picture of fitness and always represent the Marine Corps as the epitome of the "Picture Book Marine." Yes, these are some of the many attributes possessed by professionals.

Militarily, the professional lives by a very rigid set of standards. For example, rules and regulations are made for all Marines, yet we see many infractions every day. The professionals are those Marines who abide by the regulations and correct those who don't right on the spot, whether they're in the Marines' unit or not.

The professional Marine carries out regulations right to the letter. This is reflected in his dress, conduct, and work; he is truly a proficient package of precision and skill.

This skill demonstrated by professional Marines was not developed overnight; this was a process of hard work and meticulous attention to detail. It all began the first day of "boot camp." The attributes of common sense, initiative, and desire were instilled in the early stages in his training. Each step of military life was executed with care and with minimum error. Proper habits were developed and practiced in good order. Knowledge was obtained through instruction, professional reading, and the resultant effects of serious application. Proficiency grew with experience and enabled performance on a professional level. The art of professionalism doesn't come easy, but with the proper attitude, frame of mind, and enthusiastic application, one can be admitted into the corps of professionals.

The young Marine, upon completion of basic training, has a good start toward becoming a professional Marine. He has received the finest training from the select few—the drill instructors and special instructors. This new graduate is a perfect example of the finest military training system in the world. In about

six months, however one can often find laxity beginning to occur — difficulties such as poor appearance, poor military courtesy, and a breakdown in discipline. Yet when this man reported to his unit, he was primed and ready to be the best Marine that ever came down the pike subsequent to this fine training.

What happened? Good troops always reflect guidance and supervision of good leadership.

The professional has a basic obligation to his troops, their training, welfare, morale, and understanding of their problems. They must be guided by professional know-how through the trials and tribulations that all young Marines pass through in the early stages of their careers. The young Marines of today will be the professionals of tomorrow, and they will be only as good as their leaders trained them to be the do-nothings and skaters of tomorrow will be the ones who have had irresponsible leadership today. All of us who wear the uniform and claim the titles Marine and professional are obligated by oath and some intangible calling within us to demonstrate unwavering loyalty and allegiance to country and Corps, just as those Marines who raised our flag atop Mount Suribachi more than 55 years ago during the battle for Iwo Jima did.

Before we can accomplish anything, we must understand the fundamentals and basic principles that are necessary tools of our trade. The professional perpetually exemplifies the basic principles, however, in this case he has cultivated those principles to a high degree of refinement.

The most gratifying thing for a professional to see, is the results of his efforts reflected in troops he has trained or was associated with at one time or another. He continually seeks new challenges and conquers each with success.

The Marine Corps today needs more Marines to establish themselves by standing firm on both feet and putting a professional effort into everything they do and not letting some "professional private" influence their actions. The brig is full of misguided men. Had some professionalism been demonstrated around them, prior to their involvement, most would never have known a brig. A good Marine who possesses as professional potential should ask himself at the close of each day, "What good did I do for the Corps today?" Each day should be a new challenge to do things better than they were done yesterday.

These are just a few thoughts about being a professional. Once a Marine gets into the pro-

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Local Marines join war on drugs

National Red Ribbon Week kicks off Oct. 23

By Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marines, civilians and family members aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar will celebrate Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-27 with informational booths, presentations, professional athlete appearances, raffle prizes and a three-mile run/walk.

"We are going to have a number of events not only for our Marines, but also at the Youth Center," said Dr. Nate Lowe, drug demand reduction coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services.

The MCAS Miramar Drug Demand Reduction Program will host the events and hopes to increase the air station's drug and alcohol abuse knowledge according to Lowe.

Red Ribbon week is an annual observance to celebrate advances toward a "drug-free America." The Red Ribbon Celebration was born in response to the death of a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique Camarena, who was brutally murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

In 1986, Californians for Drug-Free Youth organized the first week-long, state-wide Red Ribbon campaign to commemorate Camarena's death. The National Red Ribbon Campaign began the next year, and was re-named the Red Ribbon Celebration in 1989.

Now the week-long celebration serves as a reminder that everyone needs to fight the war on drugs.

"The Red Ribbon Celebration is very

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'Hang tough'



photo by Gunnery Sgt. G. S. Rogers

Lieutenant Gen. Frank Libutti, commander U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, addresses Miramar staff noncommissioned officers during breakfast at Gonzales Hall here Tuesday. "I have two message for you," said the general. "Number one, in this time of personnel shortages, I appreciate what you do on a daily basis. Number two, hang tough." The general then solicited local concerns from the staff noncommissioned officers in order to brief the Commandant.

VA offers benefits for Agent Orange exposure

Congress has declared that any service member who served in Vietnam from Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 was exposed to agent orange, and such exposure may have caused several types of cancer.

Diagnosis of any of these conditions will be considered "service connected" by the VA. The veteran may be entitled to compensation up to \$2,000 a month. If the veteran is retired from the military this could change his or her to tax-free status. All Vietnam veterans should get a complete physical compliments of the VA.

If a Vietnam Vet is afflicted with the following: lung cancer, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma, or prostate cancer, it will be considered service connected even if it occurs many years after service. Call 1-800-827-1000 for a claim form and submit it to the nearest VA.

Combat Action Ribbon

Marines and Sailors who served in Kosovo from June 9, 1999 until Jan. 27, 2000 and/or part of Operations Joint Force, Allied Force/Noble Anvil and Eagle Eye may be able to add another ribbon to their collection.

The Secretary of the Navy recently approved a change in the Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual regarding the combat action ribbon. Due to the change in warfare, the criteria for the combat action ribbon has changed to include peacekeeping operations.

The following criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the combat action ribbon. The service member must be subject to hostile, direct fire; based on the mission and tactical situation, not returning fire was the best course of action; and the service member must have been in compliance with the rules of engagement and orders by not returning fire.

The combat action ribbon for peacekeeping operations is retroactive to Aug. 25, 1982. For more information see Marine Administrative Message 463/00.

Marines encouraged to use 'Marine Mail'

All Marine Message 031/00 recently came out to remind Marines of the use of "Marine Mail." This is a way to submit ideas to Headquarters Marine Corps for review by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Criteria for submission includes the following questions: What aren't we doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should do differently? What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing, and what new concept or idea should the Marine Corps investigate? The e-mail address is marine@mail@HQMC.usmc.mil or fax (703) 614-5035.

Community hosts Military Appreciation Night

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA and the Gas Lamp District are hosting a Military Appreciation Night Thursday starting at 6 p.m. The first 500 people will receive a free T-shirt. For a \$5 fee you will receive discounts on food, beverages and services at participating locations. For more in-

formation, call (619) 232-1133 or visit the Web site <http://www.asymcasd.org>.

Area 51 offers lunch specials

Today's lunch special is fish and chips, for \$4.75. Monday's special is Penne Pasta with beef strips, vegetables and a roll with butter, for \$4.25. Sirloin steak, baked potato, vegetables and a roll with butter is featured Tuesday at \$5.50. For \$4.75 you can get Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables and a roll. Thursday's special is a turkey croissant with lettuce, tomato and cheese, and chips. For more information, call 577-4825.

Retired Officers Association holds convention

The Retired Officers Association will hold its national convention in San Diego tomorrow through Monday at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego. A dinner will be held Monday, to honor Medal of Honor recipients and the former Tonight Show star, Ed McMahon will be speaking. There will be many other activities throughout the convention. For more information, call 1-800-245-8762.







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Local Charity helps fill in financial cracks

By Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Military service men and women make many sacrifices to serve their nation and defend the freedom of its citizens. However, sometimes those sacrifices make the families of our nation vulnerable. Vulnerable to poverty, hunger and the lack of life's essentials.

A group of concerned citizens called Military Parish Visitors have been making the sacrifice of dedicated volunteerism to care for needy service members and their families for about 40 years.

The Military Parish Visitors is an outreach organized by 33 San Diego County Presbyterian Churches that partners with base chaplains, family service centers, hospital social workers, ombudsmen and key volunteers and other community agencies to provide a wealth of emergency services and friendship.

"We are civilians who care about our military neighbors. They are our best neighbors," said MPV Director Pat Kellenbarger.

According to Kellenbarger, the wife of a retired 24-year Marine officer, the charity provided help to more than 12,000 military families stationed in SDC last year on a budget of about \$90,000. Most of the help went to families of service members in grades E-1 to E-5. No religious affiliation is required to receive assistance and all services are confidential.

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With the added support the charity hopes to receive from this year's Combined Federal Campaign, Kellenbarger said MPV hopes to do much more. The organization is listed as Presbytery of San Diego, CFC organization number 8107, were MPV is headquartered to reduce the cost of maintaining it's own office space to use more dollars to directly meet needs. Kellenbarger said all CFC contributions given to the Presbytery go completely to MPV.

"We're the best kept secret in San Diego County, but we don't have to be," she said.

The charity is a scrappy, grass-roots organization consisting of only two full-time and two part-time employees that are backed by about 80 volunteers countywide.

MPV members now have few limitations on the extent they will go to help those who need it. They are on-call 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

"We go wherever our families are," said Kellenbarger, who personally serves an average of 80 hours per week.

"We know that children grow faster than budgets," she said. To help alleviate the financial burden for military families MPV gives away fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items to active duty families at four SDC locations monthly. Another ministry of MPV also provides free breads and pastries several times a month. Periodically, MPV organizes clothing give-aways as well.

Kellenbarger said no financial qualification forms need to be filled out, she trusts that only those who need it will come. She also suggested that families who have enough food, but are having trouble affording the recent increases in gas and energy prices should take advantage of the free food. "If you spend \$25 to \$40 less on food that's more that you can spend on gas for the car or on the electric bill," explained Kellenbarger.

MPV also has two "loan lockers" in SDC loaded household items such as furniture, pots, pans, utensils, medical equipment and more. The item often come in handy to

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Officials, medical staff react to active TB case

By Kimberly D. Prato

PAO, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — An active tuberculosis case recently discovered in a Childcare Development Center worker sparked base-wide concern for the more than 400 children and staff in two facilities here.

Naval Hospital staff and base officials knew they had to respond quickly and aggressively to determine exactly who was exposed, where they were exposed and when the exposure took place, in order to properly handle this situation.

Capt. William M. Heroman, commanding officer, Naval Hospital, made personal phone calls to key staff in all sections and departments, personally notifying them of the situation and what steps needed to be initiated to handle the issue properly.

Medical staffs from Preventive Medicine, Infection Control, Pediatrics, Pharmacy and Radiology, as well as county and public health officials were called upon to plan an approach to the necessary screening and treatment. "Base officials backed the recommended plan, which was in line that was established by the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pe-

diatrics," said Heroman.

Once information was collected on the worker, the Preventive Medicine Department was able to pinpoint which centers where affected and during what times the children and staff were at risk for contracting TB. "We initially came up with approximately 350 children and staff at risk, but after more data came in, those numbers grew to over 400 people," said Lt. Cmdr. J.T Evans. We already knew, based on the CDC worker's history that the Stuart Mesa and San Onofre Child Development Centers were involved and exactly what dates that exposure was possible, stated Evans.

Medical staff was sent to the centers to provide education and personal information for the parents and staff as well as to administer a skin test to check for TB exposure. All children received chest x-rays to check for any evidence of active TB, and then all children were put on the anti-tuberculin drug isoniazid (INH) to make sure they would not develop TB between the skin test screenings, said Cmdr. Ted Robinson, clinical epidemiologist, Naval Hospital.

According to Evans, a total of four chil-

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Relocation class



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Lance Cpl. Maria Miller and Marilyn Thomas instruct a class on sponsoring inbound service members to a new command. This sponsorship-training program is held by Marine Corps Community Services every two months. They discuss all aspects of sponsorship including things to do, things not to do, and resources that are available to assist inbound service members during relocation. Call the relocation assistance office at (858) 577-1428 for more information.

36 years and still going

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAo, MCAS Miramar

For many children, the thought of flying an airplane occupies a lot of their time daydreaming. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bob “Stambo” Stambovsky’s childhood was no different, except due to his less than 20/20 eyesight, he couldn’t fly the military aircraft that he loved to dream about.

“It broke my heart that I couldn’t fly military jets. I understood why, but it still broke my heart,” said Stambo, a Springfield, Mass. native. “There is no higher tradition in my mind than the Marine Corps and to be a Marine Corps aviator. Supporting these guys would have been the ultimate for me. Unfortunately, military flight wasn’t in the cards for me, so I pursued a career in civil avionics.”

Support of airplanes was possible though, and after

spending some time in the Army, where he served as a field medic in Vietnam, Stambo joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1969 while attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He graduated with his bachelor’s in

aeronautical science in 1972 and returned to school in 1986 to obtain his Master’s, also in aeronautical science.

He has had a colorful career in the span of his 36-years in the Marine Corps Reserve where he has worked with and flown in most of the aircraft that the Marine Corps and Navy have used.

“I feel very fortunate. I’ve flown in the Russian jet fighter MIG-15, TA-4, T-34 “Charlie,” P-3, S-3, A-3 “Whale,” CH-46, CH-53 and probably the most amazing flight was in the Blue Angel’s C-130 “Fat Albert.” That was just a phenomenal ride. I just can’t say enough about it because those guys were just so great to me. The people of this country have a lot to be proud of in the pilots, past and present, that have called themselves Blue Angels,” said the 56-year-old Stambo.

With all of this flight time in so many different kinds of airplanes, picking a favorite would have to be hard and it for Stambo, it was.

“One of my favorites was a flight with the now deactivated Marine Photography Reconnaissance 3 in a F-4 “Phantom.” It’s just an awesome, strong, powerful airplane, but when it flies low over your head or on takeoff, it has this deep thundering sound that is so very distinctive. No other aircraft sounds like the Phantom,” said Stambo. “I think another one of my favorites would have to be the TA-4

“Skyhawk” that I actually crewed for six years. I was able to get a couple of flights and it’s a very agile aircraft.”

During his aviation career, Stambo has worked for several of the big airplane companies ... Pratt & Whitney, field engineer; McDonnell-Douglas, flight test engineer; and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, flight test operations engineer and shuttle operations technical training support manager.

“With NASA, if the shuttle had to land somewhere other than Cape Canaveral, Fla. for some reason, we were charged with making sure that facilities to work were in place to ready the shuttle, and it’s contents, for transportation back to Florida,” said Stambo. “That was a lot of fun and I got to meet a lot of very interesting people.”

Stambo retired from NASA three years ago and has been teaching for his alma mater, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University.

He teaches about ten different courses including aerodynamics, flight physiology, accident investigation and crash survivability.

“The best thing I have ever done is get my masters, so I can help other’s along with their education,” said Stambo.

“I teach at Edwards, Palmdale and also next term I will be teaching two nights a week at China Lake. That’s about a 70 to 80 mile drive, but I do it because my Navy and Marine buddies are up there and they need the schooling.”

With so much time spent in the air,



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Stambo prepares to board his VG-21 SHINN for a flight at MCAS Miramar.



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

(Above) Chief Warrant Officer Bob “Stambo” Stambovsky’s privately owned VG-21 SHINN. He uses this for air shows, airborne photo shoots, news media support, motion picture site survey’s and film transportation. He is also licensed in California for the scattering of ashes. (Below) Stambovsky flies his VG-21 SHINN over California’s scenic landscape.

Stambo has had his fair share of scary moments, but he said his experience and constant studying helped him with his reaction.

“I’ve scared myself a few times. You show me an aviator who’s never been scared, and I’ll show you an aviator who doesn’t fly much,” said Stambo. “The trick is to stay in the books and stay current. Know what you’re doing, never stop studying and



courtesy of Chief Warrant Officer Bob Stambovsky

always rely on past experiences to get you through anything.”

During his military career, that has spanned three decades,

Stambo has been awarded the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Commanding

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San Diego celebrates Fleet Week 2000

Compiled by Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

With one third of the U.S. Pacific fleet and one sixth of the entire Naval fleet based here, San Diego County has one of the most concentrated military populations in the nation. San Diego's Fleet Week gives citizens the opportunity to recognize and get further acquainted with its military heritage.

Fleet Week festivities began last night with the 225th Navy Birthday Sunset Salute at 32nd Street Naval Station.

This morning festival-goers will see new Marines proudly marching in a graduation ceremony and parade at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Later today the Holiday Inn on the Bay hosts the Navy Birthday Ball.

The birthday ball is one of San Diego's best-known events and should take place throughout the day. Today is also Military Day at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show.

The air show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday with a special twilight show starting Saturday evening

at 5:30 p.m.

The historic Star of India, an old clipper ship, will sail from the downtown waterfront. The ship leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. each day.

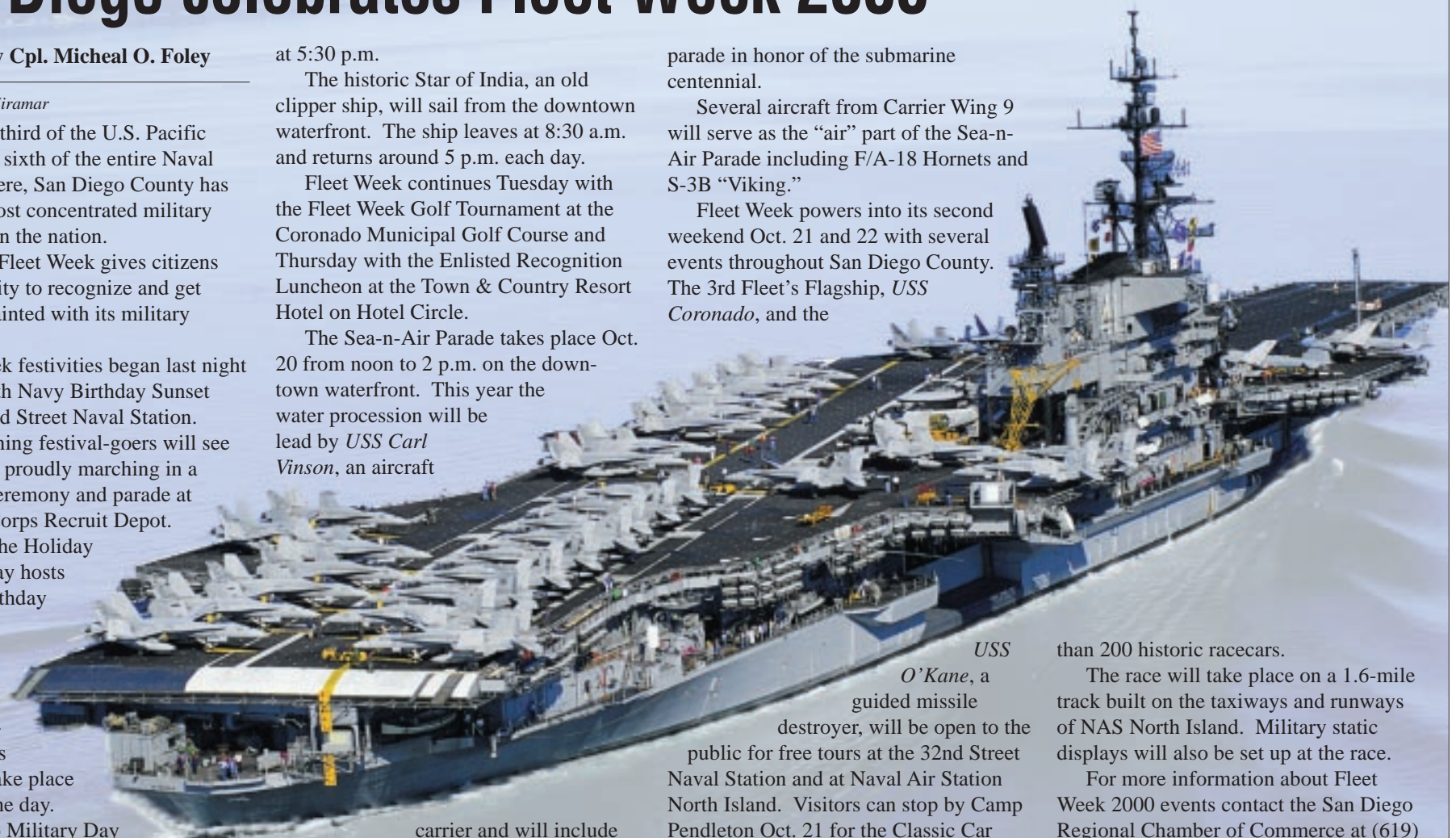
Fleet Week continues Tuesday with the Fleet Week Golf Tournament at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course and Thursday with the Enlisted Recognition Luncheon at the Town & Country Resort Hotel on Hotel Circle.

The Sea-n-Air Parade takes place Oct. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. on the downtown waterfront. This year the water procession will be lead by *USS Carl Vinson*, an aircraft

parade in honor of the submarine centennial.

Several aircraft from Carrier Wing 9 will serve as the "air" part of the Sea-n-Air Parade including F/A-18 Hornets and S-3B "Viking."

Fleet Week powers into its second weekend Oct. 21 and 22 with several events throughout San Diego County. The 3rd Fleet's Flagship, *USS Coronado*, and the



carrier and will include *USS Dubuque*, *USS Harpers Ferry*, *USS John Young*, *USCGC Morgenthau*, *USCGC Active* and *USNS Guadalupe*. The *USS Bremerton*, a Los Angeles Class submarine, will also participate in the

USS O'Kane, a guided missile destroyer, will be open to the public for free tours at the 32nd Street Naval Station and at Naval Air Station North Island. Visitors can stop by Camp Pendleton Oct. 21 for the Classic Car Event and the Crash Rescue Olympics.

Wrapping up Fleet Week 2000 is the Holiday Bowl Chrysler-Jeep Classic Speed Festival. Coronado will host two days of high-speed racing among more

than 200 historic racecars.

The race will take place on a 1.6-mile track built on the taxiways and runways of NAS North Island. Military static displays will also be set up at the race.

For more information about Fleet Week 2000 events contact the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce at (619) 544-1338 or visit www.sdfleetweek.org.

Air Show parking will require patience

By Cpl. Scott Whittington

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

With somewhere between 150,000-400,000 people expected each day of the air show, parking and traffic conditions will bring delays.

The Provost Marshal's Office here has formed a solution, according to Gunnery Sgt. Russell C. Bohn, watch commander, PMO.

PMO expects an hour delay between Interstate 8 and the air station. It is recommended air show guests plan accordingly. The gates open at 7 a.m. and the air show begins at 9 a.m.

Regular air show guests should enter through the North Gate off of Miramar Road or the Main Gate off Miramar Way.

Guests with special parking passes or station decals can enter through the West Gate off Miramar Road or the South Gate off Kearny Villa Road.

Barricades, cones and traffic personnel will guide vehicles into one of the 51 parking lots on station designated

for air show use. As vehicles are parked, guests will travel by foot or petty cab to the flightline.

Traffic controllers will direct them to a large, traffic-free area south of the intersection of Mitscher and Jupiter Road for maximum pedestrian safety, said Bohn.

The only traffic allowed in

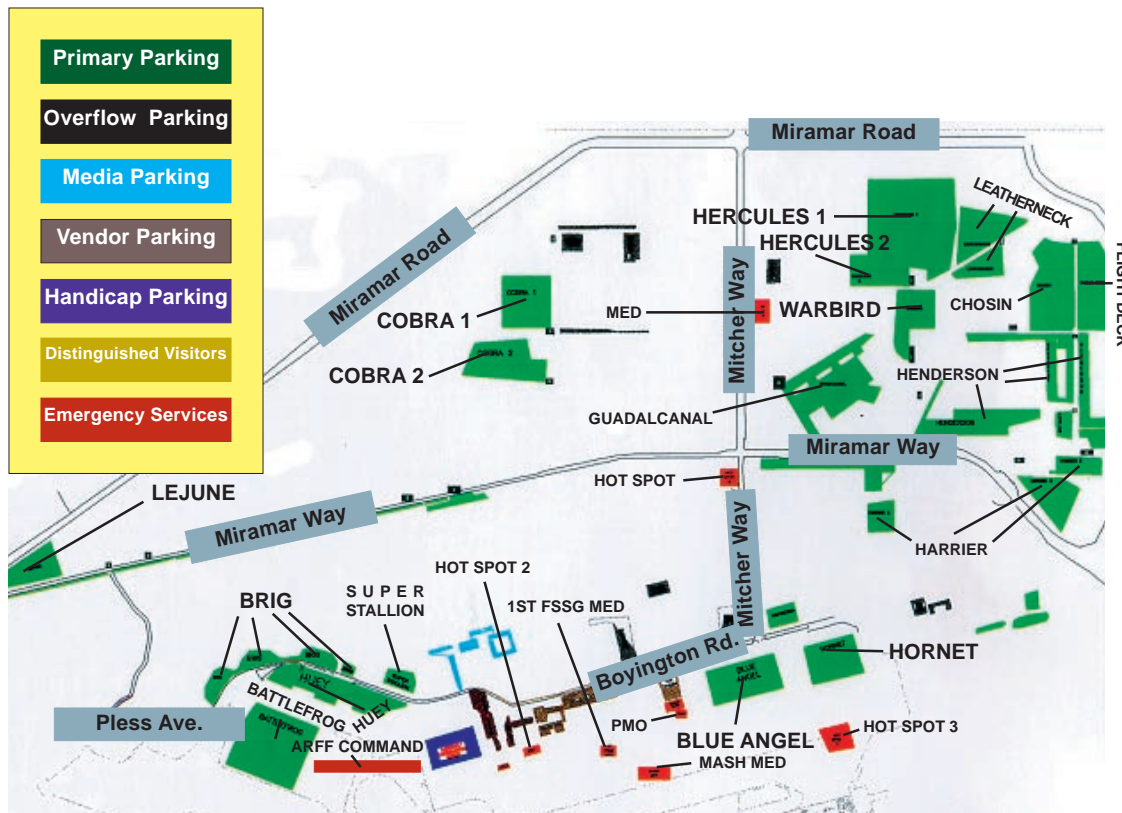
the area will come from station buses, emergency vehicles and petty cabs, which will transport people to the flightline from the parking lots.

Bohn said Interstate 15 will remain open for the entire air show, but Kearny Villa Road will experience temporary closure from 1 p.m. to 4p.m. or until the Blue Angles Navy Jet

Demonstration Team concludes their show each day.

When the Blue Angles show begins each day, all traffic must cease on Kearny Villa Road because of federal aviation regulations. These plans should increase air show efficiency and safety through careful planning,

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Air Show safety should be priority

By Cpl. Scott Whittington

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

With close to a million people expected to visit Marine Corps Air Station for this year's air show, injuries are bound to happen.

Navy medical personnel from the Miramar Branch Medical Clinic and the Naval Hospital San Diego will be on station to provide first aid to those in need. Limited emergency and medevac services will also be available. Military police officers will be on constant patrol of the area. If anyone has an emergency, they should seek out the nearest uniformed person for assistance.

Some emergencies may not be avoidable, but most can be stopped with precaution and common sense. Navy medical and safety experts recommend the following for air show spectators:

- Drink plenty of water, even if not thirsty. This is especially true before an all-day event under the hot sun.
- Eat moderately salty foods to keep moisture in the body.
- Bring ample sunscreen and wear lightweight, protective clothing. Sunscreens and sunblocks help keep ultraviolet rays from off the skin. The sun can have an energy-sapping effect on people and contribute to heat-related injuries.
- Even though temperatures may not warrant cooler clothing, shade providing items are still recommended such as wide-brimmed hats and umbrellas. Even on cloudy days, the sun's ultraviolet rays only decrease 30 to 40 percent.
- Bring prescription medication from home. No pharmaceutical services are available during the air show.
- Hearing protection is recommended for all guests but especially advised for small children.

History of the Blue Angels

Stories and photos courtesy of Blue Angels 2000



At the end of World War II, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, ordered the formation of a flight demonstration team to showcase naval aviation. The team performed its first flight demonstration less than a year later, June 1946.

Flight Leader, Lt. Cmdr. Roy "Butch" Voris led the team flying the Grumman F6F "Hellcat" at Craig Field, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida.

The Navy Flight Demonstration Team transitioned to the Grumman F8F "Bearcat," August 25, two months after the first demonstration.

In 1947 Flight Leader, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Clarke, introduced the famous diamond formation, now considered the Blue Angel trademark.

At the end of the 1940s, the Blue Angel team was flying its first jet aircraft, the Grumman F9F-2 "Panther."

In 1950, the Korean conflict put a great demand on naval aviation. The Navy responded by re-assigning the Blue Angels to the aircraft carrier *USS Princeton* (CV-37), where the Blue Angels became the nucleus of Fighter Squadron 191 (VF-191), known as Satan's Kittens.

The Blues were reorganized in 1951 and reported to NAS Corpus Christi, Texas where the team began flying the F9F-5, the faster version of the Panther. The team remained in Corpus Christi until the winter of 1954.

The beginning of 1955 brought the team to its present home, Sherman Field, NAS Pensacola, Florida where it transitioned to flying the swept-wing Grumman F9F-8 "Cougar."

The ensuing 20 years saw the Blue Angels transition into two more aircraft. In 1957 the team began flying the Grumman F11F-1 "Tiger." By 1969 the team was performing in its first dual-engine jet, the McDonnell Douglas F-4J "Phantom II."

In December 1974, The Blue Angel Team reorganized as the U. S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron establishing Cmdr. Tony Less as the commanding officer. The squadron added support officers and redefined its mission to support Navy recruiting.

The Blue Angel squadron also donned a new aircraft in 1974, the McDonnell Douglas A-4F "Sky hawk II."

Fat Albert

The squadron's Transport Cargo-130 Hercules aircraft, affectionately known as "Fat Albert," is the only Marine Corps aircraft permanently assigned to a Navy squadron for support.

It is flown by an all-Marine Corps crew of three pilots and five enlisted personnel. The squadron flies Fat Albert over 140,000 miles, in the course of a show season.

The TC-130 carries 25,000 pounds of cargo, 45,000 pounds of fuel, and transports the squadron's support and maintenance crew to each show site. Fat Albert cruises at 320 knots, approximately 350 miles per hour, at 27,000 feet. Four Allison turboprop-engines which produce



over 16,000-shaft horsepower, provide the TC-130 with the power to land and depart on runways as short as 2,500 feet.

At numerous show sites, Fat Albert demonstrates its Jet-Assisted Takeoff capability. Eight

solid-fuel rockets are attached to the sides of the aircraft, four on each side. The rockets allow Fat Albert to take off within 1,500 feet, climb at a 45-degree angle, and attain an altitude of 1,000 feet in minimal time and distance.

Military Performers:

- The Blue Angels Navy Jet Demonstration Team with Fat Albert
- Marine Air-Ground Task Force assault demonstration
- F-14 Tomcat Air Power
- A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" Tank Killer
- B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber (Saturday only)
- F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter Demo
- The Golden Knights, U.S. Army Parachute Team
- AV-8B Harrier Vertical Take-off & Landing Demonstration

Civilian Performers:

- Barnstormers' Sky Show - incredible interactive aerobatics
- Warbird Salute to veterans of the Korean War, P-51 Mustang, F-4U Corsair
- Greg Poe, Edge 540

- The Red Baron Stearman Squadron, formation aerobatic team
- Red Star Airshow Mig 17s
- Tim Weber, Russian Yak-55M flight
- Bill Reesman, Russian MiG-17F, MiG Magic performance
- Bret Willat, Sailplane Magic
- John Collver, AT-6 Texan War Dog
- Jan Collmer, Low-Level Solo Aerobatics in the German Extra
- Dave Eastman, gryoscopic maneuvers in the Tumbler
- Scott Hammack, jet dragster
- Bob Hoover, aviation legend
- Steve Appleton, British Hawker Hunter jet
- Dan Buchanan, Flying Colors Airwave Glider
- F-6 Hellcat and F-8 Bearcat, also F-86

MCAS Miramar 2000 Air Show lineup

- Sabre jet and Russian Mig-17s
- Heritage Flight/Legacy Flight, Historic Flight of Warbirds and a "State of the Art" jet fighter
- Nickolay Timofeev, Russian test pilot & three-time aerobatic World Champion in the Sukhoi-26

Twilight Show Features:

- F/A-18 Hornet close air support demonstration
- Fat Albert jet-assisted take-off (JATO)
- The Golden Knights, U.S. Army Parachute Team
- Warbirds attack with pyrotechnics
- Bill Reesman, Airwave Glider Blazing Colors Night Show
- Dan Buchanan, Airwave Glider Blaz-

ing Colors Night Show

- Brett Willat Sailplane Night Magic
- Red Baron Stearman Squadron
- Missing Man Formation
- Smoke-N-Thunder jet dragster races a MiG-17 jet fighter
- AV-8 Harrier Demo
- F-14 Navy Tomcat, night flight with afterburners
- U.S. Navy Anti-Submarine Warfare Viking S-3 night flight with flares
- Hot Air Balloon Glow
- Goodyear Blimp light show
- Gene Soucy "Showcat" night performance
- Spectacular fireworks display
- Great Wall of Fire (Guinness World Record attempt)
- Fireworks extravaganza culminating in the Great Wall of Fire grand finale

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MAGTF



The Marine Air-Ground Task Force is a vital instrument of U.S. military policy designed as a force-in-readiness. Aviation, ground and service support elements are used to create an immediate presence in hostile territory when necessary. MAGTFs can range in size and structure based on the specific needs of the mission. This week-end's demonstration will reenact a standard amphibious vertical assault on an enemy position. The demonstration will consist of Marines from the 1st Marine Division and 1st Fleet Service Support Group, both based at Camp Pendleton, and the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, based here at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

photo courtesy of MP



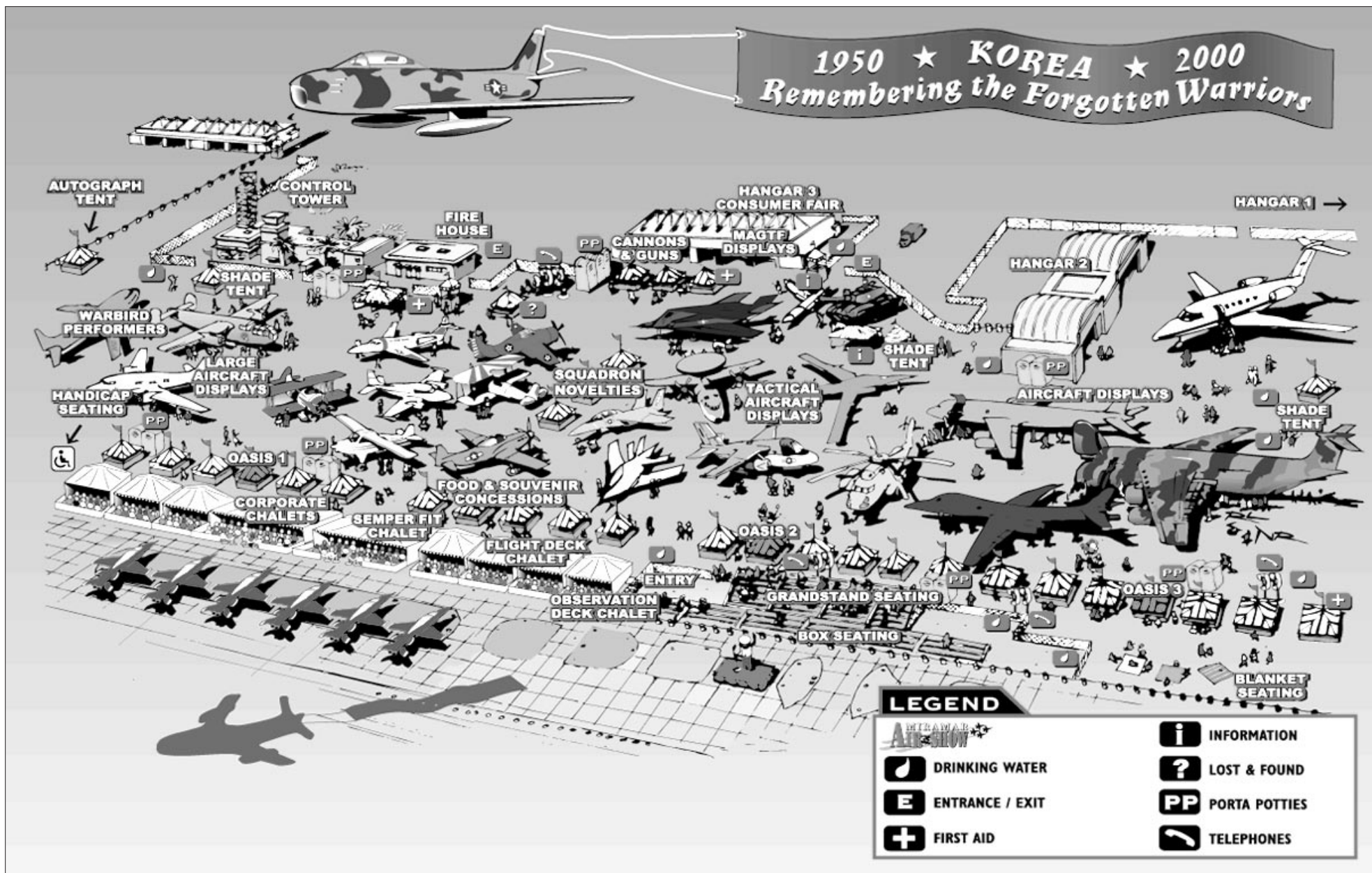
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Busted

Miramar Marine, partner find drugs at Texas border crossing

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Miramar's Provost Marshals Office supported the war on drugs through the diligent effort of one Marine and his dog. They recently completed a temporary duty assignment to support the Customs Service agency along the United States border.

Lance Cpl. William Abbott and his partner Paco, a military working dog, made drug seizures totaling over 3,100 pounds of marijuana when they were temporarily assigned to the El Paso, Texas, international border, as part of a support program with the USCS. While there, they worked side by side with Customs officers, doing vehicle inspections and making seizures.

"The seizures came in spurts. One day, we made three in one day and there were times when I would go a week without one," said Abbott. "It averaged out to be about every other day that we would make a seizure. We had one bust in particular where we apprehended 416 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of a car."

Abbott isn't the first Marine to assist in patrolling the borders.

"Several times a year, U.S. Customs solicits military support on their border crossings," said Sgt. William Pine, Miramar kennel master. "They have so many cars (crossing) every day that they just can't handle the load by themselves, so they need extra help from the military."

This request is sent military-wide and several dog teams from each of the

branches of the military go for about three months to support them. The duty takes the teams to the international borders in California, Texas, Mexico and Arizona.

This additional duty provides a good training opportunity that these Marines couldn't get anywhere else.

"Having Abbott and Paco working the border was great training for both of them. They were able to do drug seizures where the drugs were hidden in tires, secret compartments, gas tanks, seizures that we might not get to see on base," continued Pine. "Now Abbott will be holding classes for the rest of the dog handlers. He will be able to use his experiences in Texas to show us different hiding places and searching techniques that will makes us all more effective at our jobs."

Abbott learned these skills while doing his routine job guarding the border. A typical day found every vehicle going through a checkpoint where an inspector asks them various questions about their time in Mexico; why they were there, what they did while they were there, and other questions. During the questioning, the driver is being evaluated to see if he is excessively nervous, which could indicate that he is attempting to transport illegal drugs over the border.

Each station also has a computer that runs the vehicles license plate number through a program that brings up the history of that vehicle.

"We had a guy who tried to bring a truck across the border that we found out, through the computer, that the driver was

involved in a shooting with a narcotics agent. During the altercation, the driver had stepped out of the truck and gunned down the agent with an AK-47. He was arrested right away and it was all because of the computer," said Abbott.

After the initial discussion with the driver, the inspector has the option of either letting the car pass or referring it for closer



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Paco demonstrates his attacking skills on the arm of military working dog handler Lance Cpl. Vincet Amato.

inspection, said Abbott.

"We searched random vehicles that were referred in for various reasons. If they want K-9 to run the car, we run it and do a very through inspection that will hopefully yield results," said Abbott.

The hiding places are as numerous as the locations in a car, said Abbott. Inside tires, quarter panels, ceilings, gas tanks, false glove compartments, underneath false floorboards or inside the door panels.

"I personally had a pickup truck where they raised the bed and packed the whole bed. It never ceases to amaze me just

where they put the drugs," said Abbott.

"Sometimes they even try to tow a vehicle across the border claiming they are taking it to be fixed, but it is loaded with marijuana. They will stop at nothing to get the drugs into the United States."

In recognition of his and Paco's seizures in Texas, Abbott has been nominated for a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

"Abbott has done a great job since he got here in November 1999. His dog has

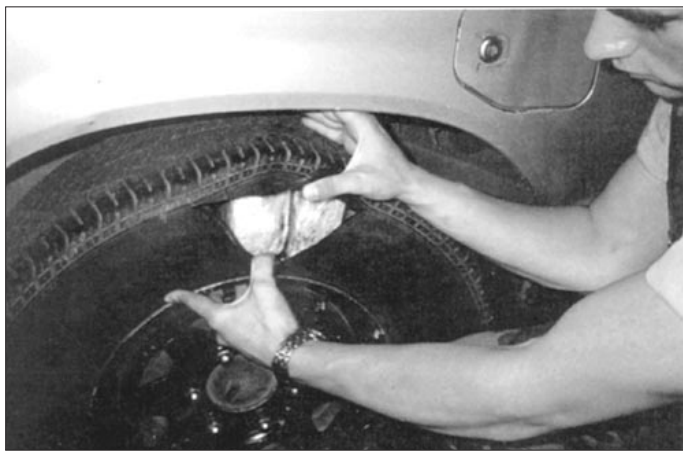


photo courtesy of Lance Cpl. William Abbott

Abbott shows drugs he and Paco discovered hidden in the tire of a car.

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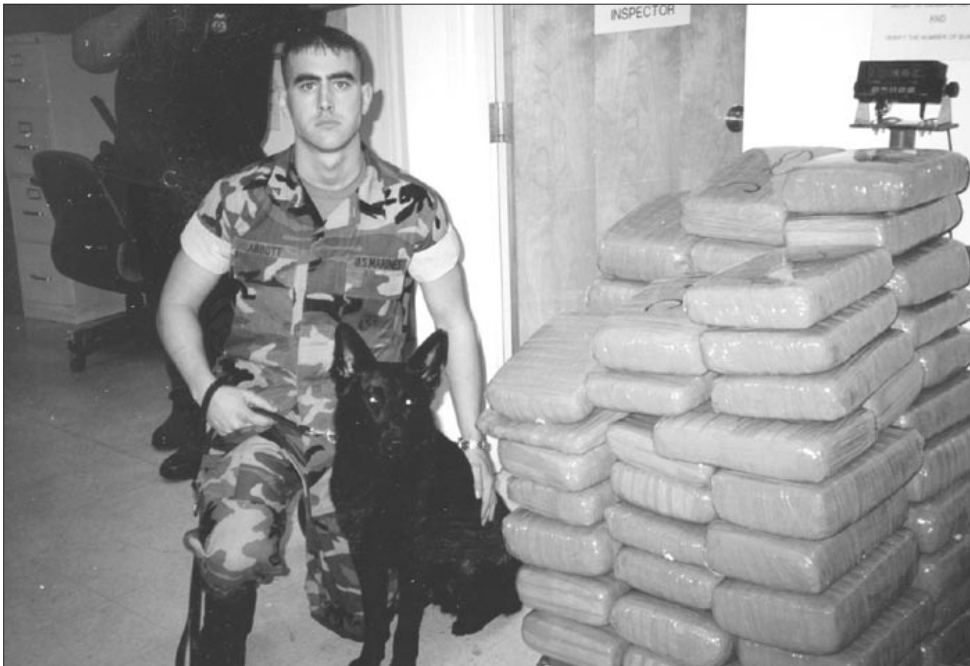


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Lance Cpl. William Abbott poses with his partner Paco next to 416 pounds of marijuana. They found the drugs hidden in the trunk of a car at the El Paso border crossing.

Intranet,
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Defense Secretary Rudy de Leon announced in a press release.

The consolidation of currently separate systems will save the Navy about \$2 billion over the life of the initial five-year contract, they estimated.

“This is big. ... We’ll save money, improve security and the system will be more reliable, too,” said Navy Secretary Richard Danzig. Leveraging the private sector to establish the intranet “frees up” military personnel, allows the two services to keep abreast of information technology advances and creates new efficiencies, he said.

“We’ll change the culture of our organization by establishing one central information system,” said Danzig, who added that sailors and Marines will also be able to order parts and maintain personnel records with “a click of a mouse.”

“This makes the organization more unified. The two services will be intricately linked and better able to perform their worldwide missions,” he said.

Officials added that several sub-contractors would also be involved on the project. “Thirty-five percent of the project will be sub-contracted to small businesses,” Danzig said, noting that up to 1,000 military personnel could be transferred to other jobs.

The intranet project will consolidate 200 separate Navy and Marine Corps computer systems involving 350,000 desktop machines, Danzig said.

Ships at sea would connect using military and civilian communications satellite networks, he added. Army and Air Force computer systems “will take steps to maintain interoperability” with the new Navy-Marine Corps system, he remarked. Conversion of the Navy’s aviation command to the

new intranet is scheduled by January 2001, Danzig said. The command will test the system for three months.

If validated, the system will be installed at the sea command from April to late May. All NMCI systems are designed to meet DoD security requirements, according to officials. Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, noted the intranet will break down barriers of communication and provide improved capability in the fleet, which would positively affect readiness, manning and retention.

“It’ll change the way we do business, ... and lead us to the personnel and logistics management systems we need in the 21st century,” he added. Gen. Jim Jones, Marine Corps’ commandant, said he appreciates the intranet’s cutting-edge technology and the system’s ability to provide better communications between sailors and Marines. “It is also a tool to bring the Navy and Marine Corps closer together,” he said.

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important. It isn’t just a local celebration, it’s celebrated nationally,” said Lowe. “Drugs and alcohol is our nation’s number one social problem. When we, in turn, talk with people about Red Ribbon and work with our young people we can heighten their awareness and let them know that this is a serious problem.”

Lowe believes that one week per year is not enough. “We celebrate Red Ribbon for a certain period of time,” said Lowe. “Red Ribbon is about awareness. It’s not to be done one day or one week out of the year. It needs to be done year round.”

During Red Ribbon Week the Drug Demand Reduction Program will be pinpointing its efforts with informational booths at

the Navy Exchange and Gonzales Hall, where guests can pick up free raffle tickets and red ribbons for their car antennas. Raffle prizes include t-shirts, pen and pencil sets, decorated mirrors and a color television set.

The DDRP will also hold presentations at the Brig, the barracks area and the youth center. Former National Football League players, Pat Matson and Tony Gunn will man a booth on Thursday at Gonzales Hall and talk about their experiences with drugs and how they got back on track.

The DDRP will host its main event, a three-mile run/walk, on Friday at 6 a.m. Registration is free and participants will receive a free t-shirt and refreshments at the event tent. The run will start at Hangar 0 and go to the stations South gate and back.

“We have got to take a stand against alcohol and drug abuse period,” said Lowe. “We need to take a stand today because this is probably going to be a monster tomorrow. It’s not going to be one person that’s going to make a difference. It’s not going to take just the DDRP, but everyone on this base taking a stand.”

For more information about the Red Ribbon Week contact Lowe at 577-4411.

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fessional routine, he won’t go any other way. The professional way of life is the only way for the man who devotes his life to his country and Corps. The only compensation he seeks is the privilege of being called “Marine” and known by all as a professional.

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leave here with motivation and purpose in the Marine Corps or Navy,” said Cpl. Steven Rosa, watch stander, CCU. “We want to keep servicemembers in on the right track and to fulfill their contracts.” The CCU is located in Area 52 on the north side of the camp in plain view of the new Marines experiencing Marine Combat Training and the School of Infantry.

“I think it’s important that new Marines see what can happen if they get off the right path,” said Rosa.2.

Hispanic-American Achievement highlighted at DoD

By American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Hispanic Americans – traditional supporters of defense and valued contributors to the nation’s cultural heritage — are poised for an expanded role on the national stage in the 21st century.

Senior DoD leaders highlighted Hispanic-American achievement — past, present and future — at the National Hispanic Heritage Month Observance ceremony held Sept. 26 at the Pentagon.

The annual observance, which celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the culture and accomplishments of the nation, began Sept. 15 and continues through Oct. 15.

“The collective knowledge and strength of the Hispanic community are woven into American society and as a result our nation has grown,” said Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Bernard D. Rostker, who represented Defense Secretary William S. Cohen. “In the coming years Hispanic Americans will become the nation’s second-largest ethnic group.”

“Today, America is enhanced “by a generation of Hispanic doctors, lawyers, and national leaders” of proven accomplishment, said Rostker, who named Army Secretary Louis Caldera as one of many examples of Hispanic-American excellence within the Defense Department. Born of Mexican immigrant parents, Caldera is a Harvard-trained lawyer and a West Point graduate. Now, he is the Army’s senior civilian leader.

“He spends considerable amounts of his time highlighting the roles of Hispanic Americans in the Army,” Rostker said of Caldera. “He often speaks of his drive to in-

crease opportunity for Hispanics joining the Army, and as the country’s largest employer of youths, he has made recruiting Hispanics one of his primary goals.”

Hispanic Americans have a long tradition of military service, Rostker said. Thirty-eight have received the Medal of Honor since its inception in 1861, to include Vietnam War heroes such as the late Army Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez, whose name will go on a Navy ship, and former Army medic, Spc. Alfred Rascon, who received his Medal of Honor in February from President Bill Clinton. Rascon received his award late because of a decade’s-old paperwork snafu.

“Our history is filled with Hispanic-American acts of valor and gallantry and our future will be defined by their contributions,” Rostker said.

However, although Hispanic Americans make up over 11 percent of the population, they are presently underrepresented in uniform. Just 7.9 percent of today’s active-duty service members are Hispanic, according to the Defense Almanac.

Rostker said he, Caldera, and other senior DoD officials are working to enable Hispanic Americans to obtain more representation, opportunities, and positions of leadership — military and civilian — within the department.

Victor Vasquez Jr., the deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, oversees DoD’s world-wide school system. He noted that the observance’s theme, “Children: Our Hope for the Future,” was especially appropriate in regard to the educational needs of young Hispanic Americans and their future impact on the nation.

Area 51 entertains

On Oct. 18, Bryan McDaniel brings a Hypnotist Show to Area 51—The E-Club. There’s a \$3 cover. Call 577-7968 for more information.

Area 51 brings special performances by Tallcan, Pokerface, Warzone Gang, Badd Azz and Bounty Hountaz to a Hip Hop Haunted Fest on Friday, Oct. 20, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There’s a \$5 cover charge.

Wear your favorite contest to Area 51’s “Salsa Masquerade” on Tuesday, Oct. 31, and you might win a trip to Las Vegas! There’s a \$2 cover.

Area 51—The E-Club is in the Enlisted Entertainment Center, Bldg. 5509. Call 577-7968 for details.

It’s Teen Read Week

The MCCS Library observes Teen Read Week, Oct. 15 – 21. The theme is “Take Time to Read!” Teens are invited to visit the Library to browse the teen book selection, and while there, sign up to win a copy of Soldier’s Heart by Gary Paulsen and Britney Spears Baby One More Time CD.

Sign up at the Library, Bldg. 5305, through Oct. 21 for the Oct. 25 giveaway.

Tower Snack Bar gets facelift

Effective Oct. 23, the Tower Snack Bar, Bldg. 9211, will be closed for renovation. The Mobile Canteen will be available for longer periods of time to provide food service.

Fleet Week lights up Gaslamp

Party in the Gas Lamp District! The Armed Services YMCA and the Gas Lamp District are hosting a Military Appreciation Night, Oct. 19, 6 p.m. to closing time, for just \$5 (active duty members). Participants

will receive a special blue military neck cord with a special pass attached, an official event T-shirt (to the first 500), and a brochure showing discount business locations. Call the YMCA at (619) 232-1133, or see the Website, www.asymcasd.org.

San Diego Symphony joins Twilight Air Show

For the first time, the San Diego Symphony will perform during the Twilight Show of the MCAS Miramar Air Show on October 14. During the performance, the Symphony will perform popular works from composer John Williams, including the themes from “Star Wars,” “Superman,” “Star Trek” and “ET,” plus patriotic favorites such as “Stars & Stripes Forever” and “America the Beautiful.” For more information, see www.sandiegosymphony.com.

Free

Movies

Today

The Crew (PG)

6:30 p.m.

Space Cowboys (PG-13)

8:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bless the Child (R)

6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Pokemon 2000 (PG)

2 p.m.

The Replacements (PG-13)

6:30 p.m.

There are no movies on Saturday and Sunday due to the Air Show

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families arriving in San Diego who don't have cash available to buy furniture after paying SDC rental rates.

Instead of running up their credit cards and paying outrageous interest rates, families can borrow household items until they can save to purchase these items with cash or as long as needed.

When you need help or friendship, MPV provides that too. MPV volunteers are available to provide transportation to medical and legal appointments, conduct in-home visits to help new mothers or just to give a lonely spouse some company while their service member is away.

Volunteers also give referrals to other assistance organizations such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Women Infants and Children, Key Volunteers, Lifestyles Insights Networking, Knowledge Skills, and others.

A MPV morning craft group meets 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Station Chapel on Bauer Road. The group is a social time when wives, especially those who's husbands are deployed, can hang up their "motherhood badge" and enjoy a worry-free time of crafts and companionship, according to Kellenbarger. Childcare and all craft supplies are supplied free of charge.

Anyone interested in making donations to MPV or becoming a MPV volunteer can contact Meredith Gery at (619) 563-5119. Donation items needed include baby furniture, children's clothing, and general household furniture.

Volunteers are currently needed to provide transportation to medical, legal and food program appointments. Others needs include drivers with trucks to pick up and deliver donated items, mothers helpers to provide in-home assistance to young mothers, and craft teachers and helpers.

For more information about the food ministry, call (619) 338-4149. For information about the bread ministry, call (858) 569-5198.

To find out the time and location for the Nov. 3 Kids Clothing Day, call (619) 338-4149. Informational materials about MPV are also available at the MCAS Miramar Station Chapel and at the Miramar Marine Corps Community Services offices in Building 2273.

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dren and two staff had positive PPD skin tests, however no one has been diagnosed with active TB in either center, to date.

"The children will be tested again in 12 weeks to rule out exposure, said Robinson. "The INH must be taken to prevent active TB from occurring until we can document the second PPD at three months as negative," he said.

Town Hall meetings were held at both centers to inform and educate parents and family members of the situation and help answer any questions they might have regarding TB and the prescribed medical plan. Dr. Kathleen Moser, Tuberculosis Control Officer, Public Health Department, San Diego attended the meeting and stated the Naval Hospital is doing an outstanding job in

handling the issue. Moser helped explain TB to the families and staff present at the meeting.

"I am really grateful for the support we received from the base and parents, as well as the unbelievable drive and dedication to this issue by my staff, Heroman said.

"I hope parents understand the importance of administering the entire course of INH as prescribed by my staff. This is the best way to protect their child until the second skin test is performed," he said.

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according to Bohn.

Here are a few tips to assist faster parking:

- Servicemembers, contractors and DoD civilian employees who have to work this weekend need to come aboard the station early. Once the gates open at 7 a.m. the large volume of spectator traffic will most likely keep residents from reaching their workplaces.

- Recreational vehicles are allowed but not recommended. Only those people who purchased a RV pass and park in the RV parking lot will be allowed over night.

- Glass bottles are prohibited. Spectators can, however, bring small coolers of canned non-alcoholic beverages on the flightline.

- Mountain bikes, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters and pets are prohibited for safety reasons.

- Those with special parking passes should use the gate specified on their ticket

or pass. Gate guards cannot reroute them once aboard the station, and they will be directed to the nearest parking lot.

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General's Commendation, Vietnam Campaign with two battle stars, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, National Defense and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Medal.

"Marines have to take care of each other. We are brothers in arms and I firmly believe that, as do most of the Marines I have worked with in the past," said Stambo. "I know that it is sometimes hard to do, but I truly believe that this is the only way to make the Corps even better than it already is."

Currently, he owns Stambo Aviation and is the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769 at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. More about Stambo can be found on his web site www.stamboaviation.com.

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actually had more drug busts than all the other dogs on base combined. We have five dogs and Paco alone has 14 busts. He has a great dog and they, as partners, have performed above and beyond expectations," said Pine.